

# Messiah Lutheran Church

## Christ Lutheran Academy

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### Second Sunday in Advent– December 8, 2013

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**VISITORS WELCOME!** – A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service, and we pray that you will hear and receive the Word of God with joy in our midst.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:** During the offering we ask that you sign the friendship register located at the center aisle of each pew. Please hand the filled in sheet to the usher as you exit. Let the usher know if you don't have a pad in your pew.



**OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE :** In the fullness of time, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Until the end of time, His grace is still given to us as He promised it in the Lord's Supper. As we receive His gift today, we would ask *guests* who desire to commune to speak with the pastor *before* the service. In joyful obedience to the teaching of Scripture, we practice closed communion.

**PRAYER FOR RIGHT RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION:** O Lord, our God, in the name of whose only-begotten Son we have been called to be Christians and have been blest with Baptism for the remission of sins, make us, we pray, ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins and to give thanks with grateful hearts to you, O Father, to your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**EMERGENCY NUMBER:** In case of an emergency, please contact Pastor Roemke on his cell phone: 262-455-0255. This is his permanent cell phone number.

**FLOWERS:** The flowers on the altar are provided by Don & Cheryl Moe in memory of Cheryl's parents.

**CHRISTMAS GIVING:** The Social Welfare Committee is once again making plans to sponsor families in need by providing Christmas gifts this season. Congregation members will have an opportunity to sponsor a child or adult in need through the Shalom Center and Family Preservation social service agencies. Look for further information later this month. Questions? See Kate Tobalsky, Heidi Tobalsky, Kris Kochman or Diane Kentala.

**WHITE BOXES:** There are white cardboard boxes on the floor throughout the church. These are mouse traps. Please do not move them. Thank you!

**NEW MEMBER CLASS:** A class for those who are interested in becoming members of Messiah will be starting in January. If you are interested, please speak with pastor.

**CD'S AVAILABLE:** CD's are available in the fellowship hall. They make a great gift! A donation is appreciated for the CD's.

**ADVENT SERVICES:** Please note the time change from when midweek services have been held in the past: Advent services are at 6:30 on Wednesdays.

**FLOWER CHART:** The flower chart for 2014 is now posted. Please sign up for flowers!

**VOTER'S MEETING:** The voter's meeting is immediately after church today. There will be no Bible Study or Sunday School. Please stay if can.

**CLA STORE:** Purchase your "CLA Gear" or buy other Lutheran gifts at: <http://www.cafepress.com/christlutheranacademy>. All proceeds from the profit of these products go directly to benefit the education of our children at Christ Lutheran Academy.

**OTHER WAYS TO HELP CLA:** There are many ways to help CLA. Bring in Box Tops for Education. There is a place on the counter in the fellowship hall for these items. If you are a Thrivent Member, you may be eligible for Thrivent Choice Dollars. You can request that the choice dollars be sent to CLA.

**APPLE HOLLER SPECIAL:** Apple Holler has a program to help donate money to the church. Whenever you eat at Apple Holler, they will send 10% of the bill back to the church! You just need to bring in your most recent church bulletin. This offer is valid Sunday through Saturday, for all meals.

+ DIVINE SERVICE III+

### THE PREPARATION

Opening Hymn.....**334**  
Confession & Absolution.....184

### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit.....Insert  
Kyrie.....186  
Benedictus.....**936**  
Collect.....Insert  
Old Testament.....Insert  
*This is the Word of the Lord.*

#### Thanks be to God.

Gradual.....Insert  
Epistle.....Insert  
*This is the Word of the Lord.*

#### Thanks be to God.

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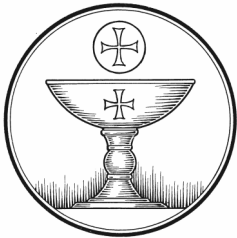
*Please Remain Standing for Final Hymn  
Announcements*

**In Our Prayers**

- For all the children and Christ Lutheran Academy Staff: Debi Tauschek (Headmaster), Karen Moe, Ruth Mallman, Stephanie Zuehls, Liesl Christensen, & Christa Hegland.
- For Exor Padro, Ted & Katie Hart, and Allen Weber, our members and family members who serve in the armed forces.
- For expecting mothers: Melissa Brieman
- For Shut-Ins: Elsie Rintamaki, Arby Tobalsky, and Lillian Sciortino.
- For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including Dennis Metallo, Joe Kayon, Richard Cleereman, Fred Dissen (Bill Dissen’s brother), Alison Daughtery (granddaughter of George & Lois Metallo), John Mills, Joe Garcia (brother of Victor Garcia), Carla Kreuger (cousin of Becky & Ashley Noble), Pastor Keuch, Richard Lowe, and Lois Metallo.

Christ’s Servants Today

Elder: Brent Jiter  
Ushers: Mike Snodgrass & Scott Tobalsky  
Greeter: Marge Harmon  
Altar Guild: Gail Kulbacki  
Organist: Evone Hagerman  
Cookies: Noble Family



**INCOME**

Average Budget Income needed in a week	\$3,560
Budget Income Received 11/27	\$786
Budget Income Received 12/1	\$2,708
Budged Income Received to Needed	-\$66
Received to Budget YTD 2013	-\$30,396

**This Week’s Events for Messiah**

TODAY	VOTER’S MEETING	10:30 a.m.
Tues. Dec. 10th	Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
Wed. Nov. 11th	Divine Service w/ CLA	8:15 a.m.
	Women’s Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
	Advent Midweek Service	6:30 p.m.

**Future Events for Messiah**

Wed. Dec. 18th	Advent Midweek Service	6:30 p.m.
Tues. Dec. 24th	Lessons & Carols	5:00 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 25th	Christmas Day Divine Service	10:00 a.m.

**Wedding Anniversaries**

No anniversaries this week

**Baptism Anniversaries**

12/9	Wally Pipkorn
12/11	Nathan Corey
	Noah Corey
12/14	Eddie Brieman

**Birthdays**

12/8	Nathan Corey
	Adam Leisten
	Mark Varvil
12/14	John A. Hernandez

**Pray for our members**

12/8	Natalie Stephans
12/9	Troy Kulbacki
12/10	Amy Hulke
12/11	Michael Brothers
12/12	Payton Weathersby
12/13	Bill Dissen
12/14	Gloria Pipkorn

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***The Lord Comes on the Last Day***

The day on which our Lord returns will be a “*great and awesome day*” (Mal. 4:5). For He will come in a cloud with great power and glory. To the wicked and the proud, it will be a Day of judgment that will “*set them ablaze*” (Mal. 4:1). The signs preceding this Day will bring them fear and fainting. But to those who believe, who fear the name of the Lord, this Day is one to look forward to and rejoice in: “. . . *straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near*” (Luke 21:28). Christ our Redeemer is coming; the Sun of Righteousness will bring healing in His wings. Let us, then, give attention to the words of the Lord, which do not pass away. Let us “*through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures*” (Rom. 15:4) be strengthened in our hope by the Holy Spirit and watch diligently for Jesus’ coming. Then, by God’s grace, we shall escape all these things that will come to pass and stand before the Son of Man.